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Dear Reader:

The Tuscarora Field Office has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) titled "Telecommunications Fiber Optic Lines EA" to analyze the impacts of a proposed underground telecommunication facility to serve a rural area of northwestern Elko County. The project area consists of two segments, one from Tuscarora to Lone Mountain Station and the second from Dinner Station to Adobe Ranchos. Both segments are located within or adjacent to existing rights-of-way for Nevada Highways 18, 225, & 226.

The EA is available for viewing online on the BLM Elko District's website, which can be found at on.doi.gov/elkoBLM. When the homepage comes up, scroll down to the "Links of Interest" header and click on the link for NEPA, Projects under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Review. This will take you to the Elko NEPA Site. The link to the Telecommunications Fiber Optic Lines EA will be found under the "Environmental Analysis" section. The EA will remain on the website for public review until 30 days past the date of this letter. BLM will then select the action(s) to be implemented and issue a decision following the 30-day posting period.

If you have a comment on the EA, please mail it to my attention at the address provided above, or email it to scraddock@blm.gov. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have questions concerning the information presented in the EA, or if you would like to request a hard copy or CD of the EA, please contact Steve Craddock, Realty Specialist, via email at scraddock@blm.gov or by phone at (775) 753-0273.

Sincerely,

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